

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended as to form so as to overcome the Examiner's rejections.

Several claims have been cancelled for formal reasons.

A new claim 44 has been added, drawn to the method of treatment. This method as claimed has no counterpart in any of the cited references and so new claim 44 is believed to be patentable.

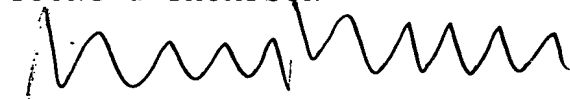
Similarly, the other retained claims, not subject to any rejection on prior art and no longer rejectable for formal reasons, are all believed to be patentable and their allowances likewise respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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